

Step 1: Read the Whole Section *Note any questions or anything that you didn't understand.*

Step 2: Answer the Study Questions

1. Note any of the following design patterns in your Bible that you notice.

Christ/Kingdom (👑), upside-down kingdom (↻), conflict/opposition (📉), OT quote/allusion (📖), "baptism/water" with 🌊

NOTE: Keep in mind, some 30 years has passed from chapter 2 to chapter 3.

2. 3:3 - Design Pattern!! Look up the OT cross reference and read surrounding verses.

(a) Provide the OT cross reference:

(b) Based on the OT passage & its surrounding verses, what seems to be the problem?

(c) What is the OT prophet trying to tell the people?

(d) Does John's mission and purpose fit what the OT prophet is describing? How so?

3. 3:6 - What are the people doing when they come to be baptized?

4. Look up "repent" in English dictionary and write the meaning that best fits with our text:

5. (a) How is John the Baptist clothing/lifestyle described? (b) Why do you think he lives this way / How does this fit with his preaching?

6. How are the people responding to John's "kingdom" preaching?

7. What is the criticism that John raises against the Pharisees and Saducees?

8. Look up Pharisee in a Bible Dictionary and write down two-three facts that you learn.

9. What do you think it means to "bear fruit in keeping with repentance"?

10. How does John distinguish between his baptism and the baptism of Jesus?

11. When Jesus comes to be baptized, (a) why does John hesitate? (b) summarize Jesus' response in your own words?

12. Name the two figures that are present with Jesus and John at the baptism?

13. DESIGN PATTERN!! See if you notice any key words in v.13-17 that might be alluding to an OT reference/story/picture:

Step 3: Summarize assigned "FOCUS" section of text: _____

<p>Summarize</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Summarize this section into a heading or title.2. Who are the characters in the story and what are they like?3. When and where does the setting of this story take place?4. Is there a plot conflict or a problem?5. How are the characters responding?	
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Step 4: (Space for Taking Notes IN CLASS Only)